



November 2025 Newsletter

Produced by The Lismore Land Protection Group Inc.

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The Corangamite Lakes Landcare Area is on Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Country. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

G'day Land carers,

The busy season is well underway, and tree mapping has begun across our project areas. We don't have any official events planned for the rest of the year, but there are a few Christmas gatherings being organised from a couple of groups within our network, as always everyone is welcome to join in! If there's something you'd like to see happen or get involved with, feel free to have a chat with Sarah.

Events

Emerging Weeds Training - Free Event

A free training event focused on emerging weeds in the Southwest.

With much-needed fodder arriving from WA and QLD – and plenty of rain – now is the perfect time to refresh your knowledge on new and emerging weeds.

Presenters:

Bec and Goldie from Agriculture Victoria will lead two informative sessions:

- Morning: *Weeds at Early Stages of Invasion*
- Afternoon: *Weed Spotters Program*

This event is ideal for land managers, farmers, ag consultants, service providers, and environmental groups wanting to stay up to date on weed identification and management.

 Lunch provided – please RSVP for catering:
 [RSVP here](#) (or get in touch with Sarah for the form)

 When: Wednesday 19 November
 Where: Camperdown RSL – 14 Pike St, Camperdown
 Time: Arrive 9:30am for a 10:00am sharp start | Finish 3:30pm

Mount Elephant Community Management - 25 Year Celebration



Celebrating 25 Years of Community Ownership.

 **Sunday, 30th November 2025**

 Open from 11:00am – Close 4:00pm

 Mount Elephant Visitor Centre, 1191 Hamilton Hwy, Derrinallum

Formalities at 2:00pm

Come along and help us celebrate this special milestone with the community.

Further Information: www.mountelephant.com.au

Facebook: Mount Elephant or 0409535914

Weering-Eurack Landcare group AGM & Christmas Party

 **Date:** Tuesday, 3rd December

 **Time:** 6:30pm

 **Location:** Farmers Arms Hotel, Beeac

 **Meals:** Available at menu prices

Come along to celebrate another great year of Landcare, enjoy a meal and a drink, and catch up with the group. Everyone is welcome! 🌿 RSVP to Sarah.

Timber Trip 2025 - Meredith Dairy Visit

Join the Ballarat Region Tree Growers for Timber Trip 2025, with a special focus on Meredith Dairy's bio rich plantations and wood-to-energy production at their award-winning goat and sheep cheese factory.

Enjoy a tour of the property and factory with owners Julie and Sandy Cameron, followed by lunch at the Camerons' café in Meredith.

-  Date: Sunday, 16th November
-  Time: 10:00am start
-  Location: Meredith Dairy, Meredith
-  Lunch: At own cost (booking required)
-  Cost:

- Free for Forestry Australia members
- \$10 for non-members

Numbers limited to 20 - RSVP essential by 12th November

 Register via Forestry Australia:

forestry.org.au/ballarat-region-treegrowers-timber-trip-2025

For more information, contact Gary Featherston at feathery56@hotmail.com

Tree Planting Program 2025

From my first few outings inspecting this year's plantings, it looks like survival rates will be higher than last year. Timely rains have supported strong growth, and a quick inspection shows most trees are thriving. Early plantings from August have already grown a few inches in some places.



This spring has brought rapid growth, something we haven't seen for a while. Now is the time to stay on top of weed control around your new seedlings, even if it's just a spot spray or mow around the trees. The first year is the most vital and vulnerable for young trees.



Reducing weed control now can lead to reduced competition over the coming months. Strong weeds, like Phalaris with deep roots, will steal valuable water, making it harder for your trees to establish and thrive.

Grant Success

We're pleased to share that our annual tree planting program has once again received funding through the 2025 Victorian Landcare Grants! This continued support allows us to keep delivering important on-ground works that improve biodiversity, provide shelter for livestock, and enhance our local landscapes.

Looking ahead to 2026, we're planning to expand the program by offering trees along with a small fencing rebate to eligible participants. This will help landholders who are planting within shelterbelt or habitat corridor guidelines to offset some of their fencing costs.

There will be strict guidelines and application dates for next year's program to help us manage the additional project coordination that comes with including fencing support.

Full details, including eligibility and timelines, will be shared in the December newsletter – so stay tuned!

Start planning your 2026 plantings now.

LLPG meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month. If you'd like a topic raised at a meeting, contact Sarah or a committee member by the Tuesday prior. Sarah working part time - Mon/Thus/Fri am

No meeting in December/January

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